



June 3, 2005

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Notice of Ex Parte Statement**
WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 2, 2005, Harold Salters and Shellie Blakeney, on behalf of T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile), met with Julius Knapp, Patrick Forster, Rashmi Doshi and William Hurst, of the Office of Engineering and Technology and Michael Wilhelm and Angela Giancarlo, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pending reconsideration proceeding on hearing aid compatibility.

Specifically, we discussed certain issues raised in the reconsideration proceeding, such as the 25% and 50% handset and live testing requirements. We also discussed T-Mobile's recent participation in the HAC Incubator and the Incubator's Working Group 9, which was established to explore challenges associated with hearing aid compatibility and digital wireless devices at 850 MHz.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 1.49(f), this ex parte letter is being filed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/Harold Salters
Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs

cc (*via electronic mail*)
Julius Knapp
Patrick Forster
Rashmi Doshi
William Hurst
Michael Wilhelm
Angela Giancarlo

T-Mobile USA, Inc.

**Meeting with the Federal Communications Commission
Hearing Aid Compatibility – [WT Docket 01-309]
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- T-Mobile is committed to making our services accessible to the hearing impaired community. The HAC Incubator at ATIS was established in 2003, with T-Mobile as a charter member.
- T-Mobile urges the FCC to convert the HAC handset percentage requirement to a numerical 2 handset requirement. The present rule acts as a disincentive to deploying next generation handsets that benefit consumers. A numerical 2 handset requirement could be the most efficient way to take into consideration 850 MHz HAC technical limitations.
- All T-Mobile customers are able and encouraged to avail themselves of the personal coverage check in stores and the 14-day trial period for new wireless service to test telephones and return if not satisfied.
- T-Mobile urges the FCC to give great deference to the findings and recommendations of the HAC Incubator, and its newly-established Working Group 9 effort to consider technical issues around higher powered wireless phones.